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*Cc Steen Gade MP, Chair of the Environment Committee*

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*Dear Speaker Pedersen,*

I am writing as the President of the Global Legislators Organisation (GLOBE) to kindly ask if the Folketing would consider hosting, in the Folketing building itself, a major International Legislators Forum of parliamentarians from the major economies, on climate change, on the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

The GLOBE Copenhagen Legislators Forum will be the culmination of the process to build the political conditions for success in advance of the Copenhagen UNFCCC Convention of the Parties (COP15). Plans are advanced for the first Forum of 2009 that will be held in the Italian Chamber of Deputies in Rome in June, just ahead of the Italian G8 Summit. The Forum, organised by GLOBE, will be formally hosted by the Speakers of the Italian Senate and Chamber of Deputies and with the participation of the Italian Prime Minister. I would like to invite you to attend the GLOBE Rome Forum to deliver the closing address and, if agreeable, extend the invitation to the Forum to reconvene in the Folketing, Copenhagen, in October.

GLOBE has been facilitating a high level climate change dialogue for legislators since 2005, shadowing the formal G8 and UN processes. Since 2007 representatives from the Environment Committee in the Danish Folketing have participated in recognition of Denmark's crucial role as hosts of COP15. This dialogue culminated in June 2008 with historic agreement on a post-2012 framework paper that enjoyed the support of 100 senior cross-party legislators from all of the G8 countries and the major emerging economies of Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa ([attached](#)). This demonstrated that it is possible for politicians from the developed and developing economies to agree on the way forward. The agreement was formally received by the Japanese Prime Minister ahead of the Japanese G8 Summit and was presented to all other G8 leaders.

To build on this agreement, GLOBE is launching a new Commission on Climate and Energy Security in the US Senate in March 2009. This Commission will involve senior legislators from the major economies plus Denmark. The Commission will meet three times – in the US Senate in March, in the Italian Senate in June and in Copenhagen in October – and the findings will feed into the GLOBE report that will be received directly by the Danish Prime Minister ahead of the UN climate change conference in December. We plan to deliver a strong message of political support for an ambitious outcome at COP15.



Over the last three years, GLOBE has hosted Legislators Forums on climate change in the US Senate, Japanese Diet, the Brazilian Senate, Mexican Congress, German Bundestag and the European Parliament. As well as attendance at each event by over 100 legislators the Forums have been addressed in person by the Brazilian President, the Japanese Prime Minister, the British Prime Minister, the German Chancellor, US Presidential Candidate Senator John McCain and new US President Barack Obama (by statement) as well as leading CEOs and world experts. I would very much like to build on this process by holding the GLOBE Forum and final meeting of the new International Commission on Climate and Energy Security in the Danish Folketing.

I would also be very honoured if you, as Speaker of the Folketing, would consider addressing the forum in the opening high-level session.

In terms of costs, GLOBE International has already raised the required funding, including some assistance from the Danish government (who are processing a bid for a contribution towards the costs of developing country participation). However, it is usual at our events for the hosting parliament to pay costs relating to refreshments and catering during the Forum itself and, on most occasions, the Speaker has offered to host a formal dinner for delegates.

I have already been in communication with the Folketing Environment Committee, chaired by Steen Gade MP, who is keen to act as the main point of contact in making the arrangements, should you give permission for the event to go ahead. I have also been in touch with the Danish Prime Minister's Office and the office of Connie Hedegaard, both of whom are very supportive of this event and our process. The Prime Minister's office has indicated his willingness, if appropriate, to participate in the Forum.

I am very grateful to you for your consideration of this request and if you would like any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me ([morleye@parliament.uk](mailto:morleye@parliament.uk)), GLOBE's Secretary General, Mr Adam Matthews ([matthewsa@parliament.uk](mailto:matthewsa@parliament.uk)) or GLOBE's Policy Director, Mr Terry Townshend, based in Copenhagen ([townshendt@parliament.uk](mailto:townshendt@parliament.uk)).

With very best wishes,

Regards  
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